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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment (marked-up copy attached):

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 27, with the following:

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US Patent no. 5,527,263 to Zobel et al., is directed to a dual optical path stereo endoscope with simple optical adjustment. US Patent no. 5,776,049 to Takahashi, is directed to a "Stereo Endoscope Imaging Apparatus" and provides a device which utilizes a combination of two optical paths with two CCD units, capable of variable zoom.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 3, with the following: